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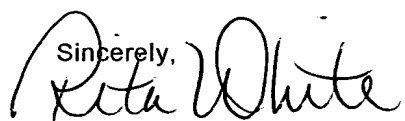
January 29, 2003

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New York, NY 10022

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to Deny your refund request in the amount of \$385.00, for patent/serial number 10009118.

The only fees paid on the case were at the small entity rate.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rita White".

RITA WHITE
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